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CASSADAGA CAMPMEETING.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION; OPENS JULY 12, AND CLOSES AUGUST 25, 1901.

CASSADAGA Camp is one of the finest resorts to spend the summer in the United States. Nature has done great things for it, while man has changed it from the primeval forest to a city of cottages and places for both amusement and instruction.

It is located on two of the Cassadaga lakes. There being four of them, three of which are navigable and connected with channels that allow the small steamers to run from one to the other.

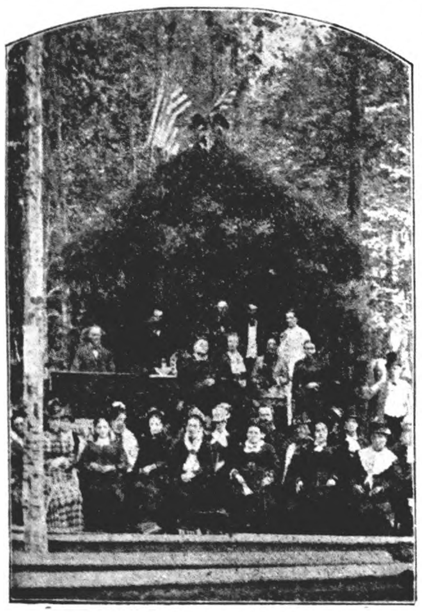
Of course, the feature of Cassadaga is its lecturers and mediums who congregate here from all parts of this and foreign countries and the investigators of all branches of psychic phenomena make it a Mecca for the purpose.

The grounds consist of fifty-two acres covered with a fine growth of shade trees consisting principally of maple, beech, birch and hemlock. The Camp is divided into sections by nine streets that run east and west and three that run north and south, besides foot paths through the parks.

There are three parks; Melrose, between the auditorium and the entrance; Lincoln, extending from the auditorium north past the Grand Hotel and around the shores of the lake to the bowling alley and electric light works; and Caldwell in which swings, croquet grounds, etc., for the amusement of the younger generation can be found. These parks are filled with flower beds, nice grassy lawns, beautiful shade trees, settees and all that goes to make a delightful summer resort.

HOTELS.

It is said that "man esteems his stomach above all else." Whether this is strictly true or not it is certain that the cuisine has a great deal to do with the comfort at a summer resort. In this Cassadaga Camp is particularly fortunate. The Grand Hotel, South Park, Leolyn, Iroquois, Shady Side and Fern Island House as well as a number of large cottages arranged to care for guests and the restaurants supply meals and lunches at reasonable rates.



THE "BOUGH HOUSE"

Boating, fishing and kindred sports, as well as bathing and patronizing the toboggan slide and bowling alley, take up the time of many pleasure seekers, while those who are seeking information of Spiritualism are engaged day and night in their favorite employment, all gathering and then exchanging the result of their experience with others.

Thus the time never hangs idle on the hands of Cassadaga Camp summer visitors.

The principal place of meeting is at the auditorium near the entrance. It is built upon a side hill, with a floor 50 x 80 feet back of which are eleven rows of seats raised one above the other, making seating capacity for about 1,500 people. The rostrum is about 18 x 50, giving plenty of room for speakers, chairman, band and singers and instruments.

The auditorium is not enclosed. It consists of simply a roof, supported by pillars and arranged with curtains that can be lowered to close it, when desired, and when the weather is fine they are drawn up forming an awning, making an additional space of about eight feet on each side. This can be filled with settees and additional seating capacity made.

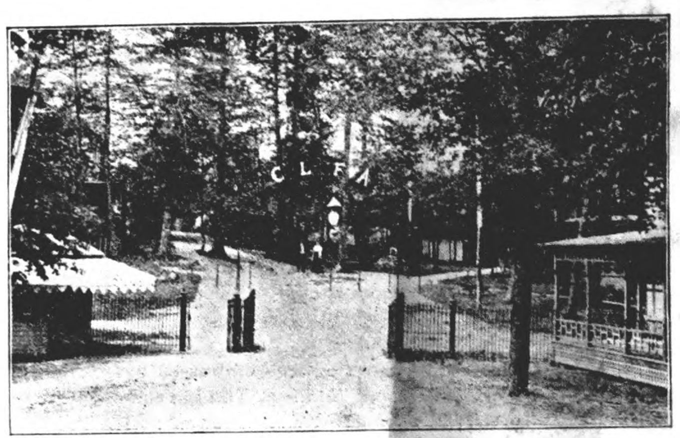
Library Hall is used for many of the smaller meetings and classes. The Children's Lyceum meet every morning except Saturday and Sunday, the Thought Exchange nearly every evening and private class.s of different kinds during the day.

The Octagon is so called on account of its shape. It is used as a class room, gatherings and for dancing school.

LECTURES, SEANCES AND CLASSES.

It has always been the aim of the management of this Camp to present the very best thought from its platform. Its name is the Cassadaga Lake Free Association and its platform has been open for free discussion of all topics. For this reason it has become a rendezvous for all classes of people who are interested in the progressive movement of the day. As is to be expected some "cranks" are attracted and in many cases make it very amusing for the people. Others have their whims and idiosyncrasies which they take every opportunity of presenting to tl e public; but taking it as a whole, there is a very fine line of thought presented.

To those whose means are limited, the cost of a summer trip frequently causes all ideas to be abandoned. For this reason we call attention to the fact that all pocketbooks and desires can be accommodated at Cassadaga Camp.



ENTRANCE TO THE CAMP GROUNDS.

On page four will be found a description of the hotel accommodations. Those who do not wish to patronize them will have no difficulty in securing accommodations at exceedingly low rates.

Cottages can be rented at prices ranging from $20 to $200 for the season. They are furnished throughout for housekeeping. Rooms can be rented at from $1.50 per week upwards, depending on location. Rooms and cottages are not primary considerations as no one stays in them any more than is absolutely necessary; the parks and verandas being used almost entirely.

Many of the rooms are rented with the understanding that the kitchen can be used. Some supply small oil stoves, many desiring to get along cheaply bring a small oil stove and a few necessities and get breakfast and supper in their own rooms and dinner at one of the restaurants.

BAKERY AND GROCERY STORES.

will supply all that is needed in the way of eatables, as they carry a complete line of supplies for campers. Besides a complete line of freshly baked bread, cakes, pies, cookies, etc., baked beans and roast meats are for sale, and canned goods of all kinds are sold at reasonable rates.

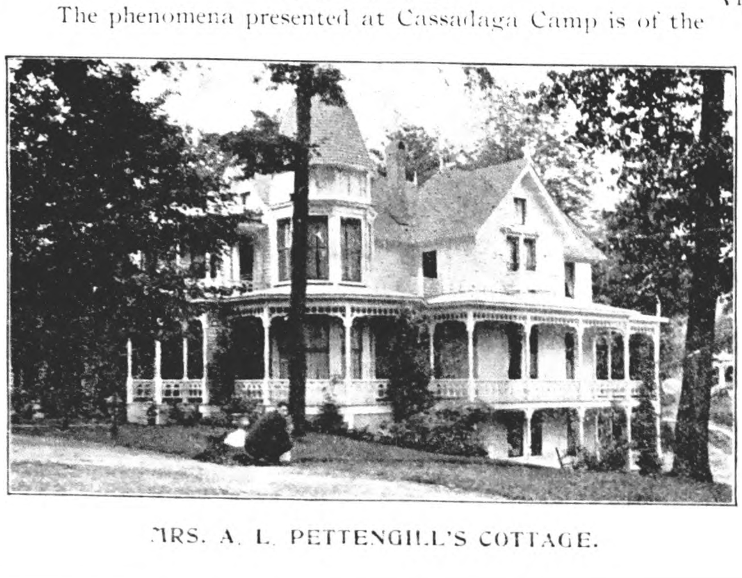
Buy your tickets, have your baggage checked and your mail addressed to LILY DALE, N. Y. There is a postoffice and village of "Cassadaga," which is NOT the Cassadaga Campmeeting. If you come from the east or west change cars at Dunkirk or at Falconer Junction, N. Y., near Jamestown. It is then but about forty minutes ride to Lily Dale.

COST OF STAYING ON THE GROUNDS.

The expenses of the camp are met by the sale of privileges and a gate fee. An admission of 15 cents is charged for the day for visitors. If you come to remain several days, 10 cents a day is collected by collectors who call at all cottages each morning. Season tickets are sold for $3.50.

No admission is charged at the meetings. A conference is held each morning except Friday and Sunday, when the auditorium is occupied with the Children's Lyceum and a speaker, respectively; lectures each afternoon and Thought Exchange in the evening. Forest Temple meeting in the early morning and evening. When we consider that 10 cents a day gives free admission to all these it speaks well for the liberal policy of the Association.

The phenomena presented at Cassadaga Camp is of the best. Every line is represented and the attendants cannot help being satisfied with the manifestations of mediumship that will be presented.



MRS. A. L. PETTENGILL'S COTTAGE.

Everything in the line of phenomena is presented. Pictures of all classes, independent slate, porcelain, and paper writing, automatic writing, test mediumship, materialization, healing, trance, clairvoyance, in fact every phase that can be found either on the rostrum or in private.

The Association has nothing to do with the seances held by the mediums, who charge prices ranging from ten cents to one dollar for circles and all prices for private sittings, although the average prices are one and two dollars.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

of a high order are given each season.

THE CHILDREN'S LYCEUM.

meets with the popular approval of all the children. It holds its sessions daily except Friday and Sunday in Library Hall at 9 a. m., in the auditorium Friday morning, and in addition it gives a public entertainment in the auditorinm twice each season.

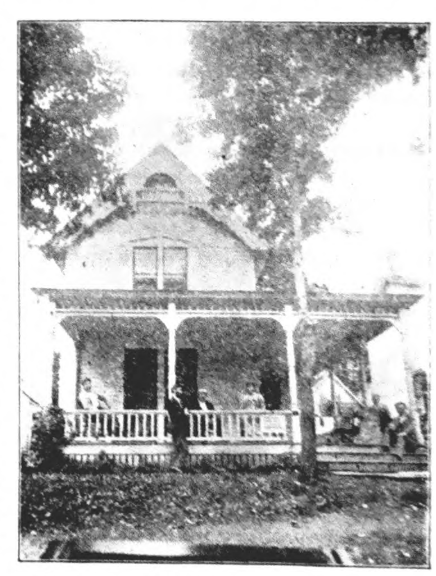
There is growing interest in the Lyceum and any Spiritualist who does not take an interest in it is certainly direlect in his duty. Therefore, bring your children and let them learn the lessons taught therein, as well as get a training in other directions coupled with an enjoyable outing.

DANCES.

Dances are held in the auditorium Wednesday and Saturday evenings. The special trains from Dunkirk and the steamer from Cassadaga bring many people from away. The floor will accommodate about twenty set; the music is excellent and the dances are a source of great amusement for both participants and the many spectators who fill the seats to watch the tripping of the light fantastic toe.

LIBRARY.

Nowhere can a better feast be found for the lovers of books. The Marion Skidmore Library was founded in August, 1886, by Mrs. T. J. Skidmore, with a few select books by standard authors and Spiritual workers. Mrs. Emily W. Tillinghast was appointed Librarian and accomplished very effective work in that capacity until the close of the season of 1897. From the few books that formed the nucleus, the present Library has gradually grown by the donations of friends and authors, entertainments, etc., to a valuable collection of cho'ce works numbering about 1300 volumes. In poetical works, Homer, Shakespeare, Pope, Goethe, Shelly, Arnold are names of but a few upon the shelves. Many volumes, the inspired works of Spiritualists, are among them; Andrew Jackson Davis' complete works of 30 volumes, Emma H. Britten, Dr. J. M. Peebles' complete works, Moses Hull's works, Carlyle Petersilia, W. J. Colville, Prentice Mulford, Marie Corelli, Thos. Paine, Marion Crawford, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Channing, Carlyle, Cooper, Joseph R. Richmond Victor Hugo, Elliot, Bulwer, Thackery, Swedenberg, Scott and the best works of many other authors are upon the shelves.



F. C(R)EN WHITE'S COTTAGE.

We also have a fine collection treating upon Theosophy, Hinduism; and many fine volumes of the sciences, such as Humbolt, Dana's Minerology, Dick's works, Hugh Miller, Dutton's Anatomy, Botany, etc.

Also a large and varied collection of bound volumes of Magazines; The Arena, The Metaphysical, The Radical, The North American Review and others.

The collection of youth's and children's books are selected with care and are much read and appreciated by the children during the summer. They are always glad to receive further donations for this department by those interested in the children. Also donations of any late books. All donations will be gladly received and the donor given credit.

BATH HOUSE.

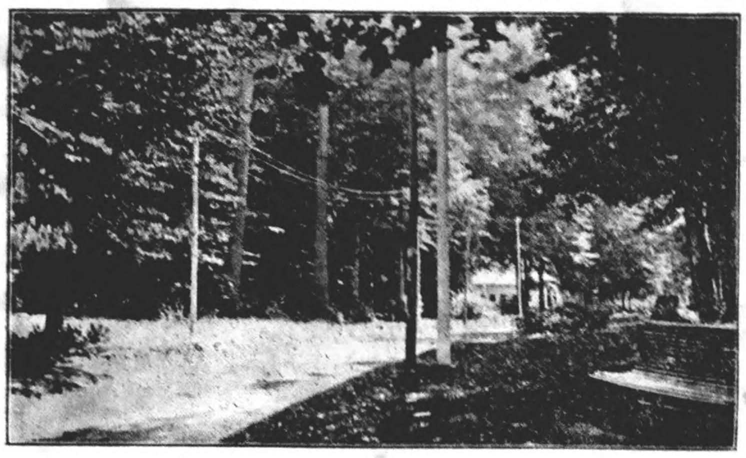
At the bath house hot and cold tub and shower baths may be taken at any hour of the day or evening. It is under the management of Mrs. A. Winchester, is kept clean and is in good order and repair.

TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE B. S. L. U.

By Alfred Kitson, Sec'y.

Since writing you last the above active and flourishing Union held its twelfth Annual Conference on Saturday and Sunday, May 11th and 12th, at Pendleton Town Hall, Manchester.

The local Lyceums and those of the surrounding districts had a procession on Saturday, headed by two brass bands, one of them composed of Lyceumists. The weather was fine and over one thousand joined in the parade which made an imposing sight, as each Lyceum was headed with a large silk banner and the girls dressed in white, some of



SCENE NEAR THE GROUNDS.

them carrying flowers, marched along the route to Peel Park, where the Lyceums were allotted sections in which to separately execute their evolutions in marching and calisthenites, which were witnessed by thousands of spectators. The effect were somewhat marred by the selections being played too slow and lacking life and "go."

Some 5000 cinematograph views were taken of the procession, by Mr. A. Wilkinson, member of the Executive Committee, and now President elect.

An entertainment was given by the members of various Lyceums, presided over by Mr. Alfred Smedley, President of the B. S. L. U. During the entertainment Mr. J. J. Morse, the genial editor of the *Lyceum Banner*, presented the President with a testimonial consisting of an artistically mounted and framed photos of the officers and members of the Executive Committee. The president being entirely ignorant of the surprise in store for him was vividly affected by this act of well merited appreciation of his services.

Miss Burton, of Bury, District Visitor, was the recipient of a beautiful boquet, from little Miss Bagnell on behalf of the local Lyceum as a token of appreciation of her services for the Lyceums. These two events gave a jest to the evening's proceedings.

Sunday's proceedings. The delegates from all parts of England were early in their places. The Credential Committee reported 103 persons present. Which is a record attendance.



THE MIDDLE LAKE, FROM THE BRIDGE.

The President in his address referred to the proposed new constitution, the old one being far out-grown; the appointment of a permanent secretary; and then went on to say that his observations, as he visited various Lyceums led him to the conclusion that there was much to encourage them, for the Lyceum movement was spreading and taking a firm hold on the affections of the people. He recommended more attention being given to punctuality and the importance of total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors. He pressed upon all Lyceum workers the necessity of saving Lyceumists from the sorrow, misery and degradation that follows in the wake of drink. The address and the recommendations were adopted.

The Secretary's report and balance sheet were taken as printed. The report stated that no satisfactory settlement had been come to *re* the Lyceum Home. The appeal for funds to engage a permanent secretary had resulted in £12-17-6 and promises amounting to £14-6-0 per year. (This includes promises up to date). There was a deficit of nearly £19 in the general fund. The secretary has visited 18 Lyceums and delivered addresses for out of pocket expenses. Charters had been issued to 20 Lyceums during the past year. There were 118 Lyceums on the register as compared with 104 last year, and 12 non-Federal Lyceums as compared with 19 last year. £33-3-10 had been collected and donated toward the Lyceum Home fund. The sales during the year were 471 copies of the Lyceum Manual, 153 copies of Outlines of Spiritualism, 371 copies of Physical Exercises, 113 copies of Spiritual Songsters and 24 copies of Is the Bible Opposed to Spiritualism The publishing department has lately been enriched by the magnificent gift of 5000 copies of "Reminiscences" by the President, published at 2s each. On the 31 of December



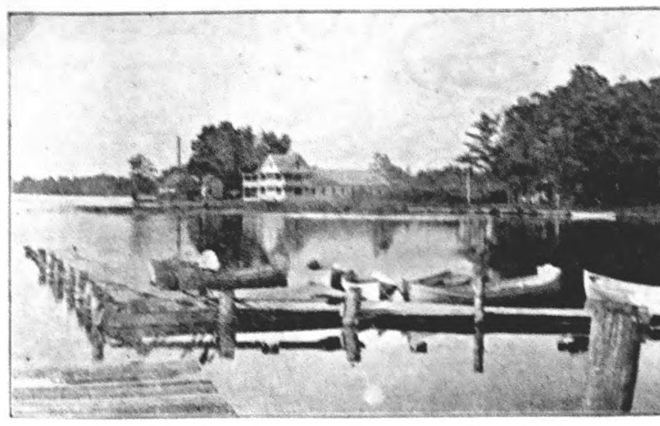
MINERAL SPRING AT THE LEOLYN HOUSE.

1900 there was a balance to the credit of the publishing fund of £81-4-7. The value of the stock £40-16-3. The report was adopted.

It was decided to transfer £10 to the general fund from the publishing fund toward balancing the deficit and to ask all Lyceums to contribute ½d per member for the same object.

The President announced that Mr. H. A. Kersey had generously donated the stereoplates and copyright of the Lyceum Manual and Spiritual Songster and a large book press, which was at the secretary's residence, to the B. L. S. U. for which the conference voted a hearty vote of thanks. Mr. Hersey, in replying, said he felt highly repaid for the time and trouble he had put into the work by seeing the growth of the Lyceum movement and the strong hold it had got of the young of this country. The gift was to help the Union and to commemorate the new century.

The secretary read a long report on the negotiations and interviews between the Executive Committee and Mrs. J. Ainsworth of Blackpool, *re* the Lyceum



BOATLANDING AND BOWLING ALLEY.

Home, from which it proved that two interviews had been held and a lengthy correspondence had taken place without any settlement being effected. Mr. Ainsworth had made certain offers which he declined to sign when presented to him as a memorandum of agreement. And he also declined to give them the "right of way." And had informed them that if they entered as the management of the house he would give them 14 days notice to quit if it was not maintained to his satisfaction.

The Conference invited Mr. Ainsworth to sign the agreement. This he declined to do so the matter was dropped.

There not being sufficient time to deal with all the items in the agenda it was decided to hold an interim Conference at Southport in August 1901.

Mr. A. Wilkinson was elected President for the ensuing year Messrs J. J. Morse and J. Clark were elected members of the Executive Committee. The secretary and treasurer were re-elected. The auditors were also re-elected. It was decided to hold the next Annual Conference at Walsall on the second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1902.

The evening meeting was addressed by Messrs Wilkinson, Johnson, Todd, Venables and Morse and Mrs. Greenwood and and Miss Burton. The latter gave a few clairvoyant descriptions and described a group of spirit children.

The business meeting closed with the customery votes of thanks.

Yorkshire, England, May 20.

Dowey is too Modest.

Finally Introduces Himself. He is Only Elijah and John the Baptist, "The Restorer of All Things."

Chicago, June 3.—"I am Elijah, the prophet, who appeared first as Elijah himself, second as John the Baptist, and who now comes in me, the restorer of all things. Elijah was a prophet, John was a preacher, but I combine in myself the attributes of prophet, priest and ruler of all men. Gaze on me then. I say it fearlessly. Make the most of it, you wretches in ecclesiastical garb. I am he that is the living physician and spiritual embodiment of Elijah and my commission on earth the third time has been prophesied by Malachi, by God himself, by his son Jesus, by Peter and 3,000 years ago by Moses. All who believe me to be this will stand up."

And over 3,000 people rose to their feet and greeted the declaration with cheers and handclapping.

John Alexander Dowie, true to his promises, made this statement from the platform of the Auditorium last night in the presence of about 5,000 people. It was the culmination of a frenzied speech, in which he denounced everybody not in Zion, cursed the pope and the Roman Catholic church, spat literally at Masonry, the newspapers and bankers of Chicago and raged and tore up and down the stage like a mad man.

"Understand what I mean," he continued, "I will take no council in my methods of government. I have come to proclaim theocracy, pure and simple, the government of God, by God and for God, and I will never rest until all other forms of government have been driven from the earth.

"You talk about your democracy. Bah! I tell you democracy has been tried in the balance and has failed. The government of the people, by the people and for the people is twaddle. I am loyal to the flag and countenance no revolution, but I demand here and now that the name of God must be placed foremost in the constitution of the United States and the supreme authority of God over all things must be recognized.

"Listen to the first message of the prophet," he demanded. You must pay your tithes and offerings into the storehouse of God. Accursed be ye if ye would seek to rob his house of its fullness by not obeying this, his will, sent through Elijah."

—*The Minneapolis Journal.*

EIGHTY-EIGHT YEARS OLD.

How fleetly the moments flit on apace,
Silently winging o'er time and space,
To the order of life's fickle span,
Until the full rounded 88 years,
With their joys and sorrows, hopes and fears,
Measure attained from whence they began.

Now we question those moments past fled
With their changeful experiences lavishly shed—
What promise the future to be?
And they hastily answer the earnest call,
In words very simple, few and small,
Freely we work for Eternity.

Wherever we find a thought of pure love,
'Tis a gift of high heaven's just favored to move
The warm human heart to kindly deeds,
And kindle the flame of life divine
To cheer the soul like a bright sunshine,
The charm that lessens all mortal needs.

And words are never, never lost,
And so very trifling is the cost,
Human hearts hold abundance in store,
So Infinite is their matchless grace,
That they never seek a special case,
And their value is prized evermore.

Mrs. Tryphena C. Pardee,
Ellington, N. Y.

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That is just what we offer you. Read about it on page 6.



THE LEOLYN HOUSE PARLOR.

Advanced Thought CLASS at Lily Dale Camp.

The world is always in need of something new. If there is anything new in line of the "New Thought" it can be found at the meetings which are conducted by Mrs. J. E. Hyde, twice a week, at her residence at Lily Dale, as she and some of the members are in constant touch with the literature of the day in this line.

Often the question is asked, do they teach re-incarnation, or this or that? No special tenet is taught or held as an ultimate of belief. No one is asked or expected to believe anything only that which appeals to the soul as truth. There are as many beliefs as there are attendants. All metaphysical subjects are considered.

This class of Advanced Thought as a public movement was begun by Mrs. Hyde in February of 1898, a general invitation was given the public and people soon became interested. Meetings were held every evening through March and part of April, then tri-weekly during the hurry of spring work. Each evening the time was divided between reading, discussion and mental concentration. When Camp opened the meetings were postponed until October, then classes were held at the Hyde cottage by Pandit Lalan, of India on "Tattwic Vibrations, Meditation and Concentration." Many attended, much interest was manifested and various topics discussed, chief among which were best methods for the development of individuality and soul growth through the use of faculties and qualities inherent in every human being.

Since these classes of Pandit Lalan, meetings have been held regularly semi-weekly, Wednesday and Sunday evenings, occasionally by invitation at the houses of the various members, but mostly at the Hyde parlors, which have often been crowded to their utmost. Many prominent people and speakers have visited these classes, taking part pro and con, in the discussions, always with interest and profit to those in attendance; and though wide difference of opinion may exist, no one is debarred the privilege of untrammeled expression for Mrs. Hyde, the leader, holds that the great central truth of being, living, is as varying and many sided as the individual expressing it and while each person may have some phase of truth — not yet conceived or expressed by any other yet no one individual, race, age or religion, ever has or can contain or comprise *all* truth.

Most prominent and best known among those who have held classes and promulgated the various phases of this special line of metaphysics are Pandit Lalan, of Bombay, India, F. Dharmapala, of Ceylon, India, Swami Abhedananda, of Calcutta, India, Dr. W. W. Hicks and Mrs. B. T. Harnet, of New York, both of them have resided in India and been in close touch with its esoteric doctrine, F. E. Titus, of Toronto, and last but not least the gifted child-philosopher, Miss Anita Trueman of New England, whose wonderful poem "Aceon," which has been likened to Milton's "Paradise Lost," won for her a scholarship in the Emerson School of Oratory.

The authors whose writings have been employed in the class work are Emerson, Prentice Mulford, T. J. Hudson, Horatio Dresser, R. W. Trine, Helen Wilmans, Eleanor Kirk, Mrs. J. French-King and many others. Selections from all the metaphysicans of the day are read and discussed and people are invited to bring articles for consideration; a book under present attention is Vivekananda's "Raja Yoga" with Ptanjali's method of breathing, which is practiced in the class. Concentration symbol reading is another phase of the work. These classes have been a prominent factor in the moulding of Lily Dale Camp thought, as they have brought forth topics, not here-to-fore considered in the Camp work, and various letters of commendation are received from the many who have visited or taken part in its work who speak of the benefit received and bid God speed to the movement. It is expressed that these meetings will be continued during the season of 1901, and all who are interested in this line of thought are at liberty to attend. There has never been any charge of admission. Truth is as free as the air we breathe and may be had by anyone who is willing to search for it diligently.

BOOKS FREE.

Yes, you can get your choice of two books absolutely without cost. You can learn particulars on page 6.

The News at Lily Dale.

☞ *In order to ensure correct and prompt notice of arrivals, departures, improvements, or any items of interest, please write it and hand it in to this office. We want to give our readers all the news of the camp and you can assist us to do so in this way.*

The June Picnic has come and gone and we are now waiting the time when Camp shall open. As usual, a few days before the picnic people came in and opened their cottages and many will remain the rest of the season.

The weather was very cold and disagreeable which made the attendance smaller than usual and necessitated the meetings being held in Library Hall, but much enthusiasm prevailed and the gathering was enjoyed to the utmost.

Among those who were in attendance are: Lyman C. and Mrs. Howe, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague and daughter, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Cawcroft, Salem E. Parker, Mrs. Capitola Parker-Bowen, Mrs. Jessie Hoyt Beach, Mr. T. J. Litchfield, D. B. Merritt, M. R. and Mrs. Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. Damon, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Allen, N. H. Eddy, Mrs. McKeever, F. Corden White, Mrs. J. A. Barr, Mrs. Gugenberg, Jennie Lee Kuhn, Mrs. Putman, Dr. J. S. Tyler, Miss Comstock, R. B. Jones, Miss Peate, George Colvin, A. Gaston, F. G. Neelin, Mrs. Sara Cook, Mrs. Boughton, Miss Steck H. H. Hunt, Mr. Beeman and many others.

The exercises at the Picnic consisted of a meeting Friday afternoon at which Mrs. Mattie Hull was the speaker; a Thought Exchange Friday evening; Saturday morning Mr. and Mrs. Sprague presented the claims of organization; the afternoon was occupied by a lecture by Moses Hull and the evening to a dance in the auditorium and a test meeting in Library Hall. Sunday morning the exercises consisted of a conference meeting, the subject being organization and in the afternoon a lecture by Lyman C. Howe.

The evening was devoted to a concert by Salem E. Parker and his sister, Mrs. Bowen, assisted by Mrs. Jahnke and Mrs. Beach.

Thomas Grimshaw was advertised to speak but did not appear.

Scott's Orchestra furnished the music for the dance and open air concerts.

The Postoffice has been moved to its summer location by the gate.

The roadscraper is turnpiking the roads on the grounds which will greatly prove them.

Mrs. A. Winchester has charge of the Association bath house. Mrs. LeRoy has the popcorn privilege.

The Bangs Sisters have rented Mrs. Huff's cottage on Melrose Park, the same one they occupied last year, and will spend the season here.

Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Sherman have bought the (Erie) Henderson cottage on North Street. Mrs. Scott has bought the Gay cottage on Second Avenue.

Colton Paine has been engaged as electrician for the season and has thoroughly overhauled the lines, putting the electric light system into thoroughly good order.

THE SUNFLOWER extends a cordial invitation to all to visit its office on South Street, while you are at Camp. Come and see where it is made.

The hotels have opened their doors for the season and from the enquiries they will not lack for patronage. Mrs. Dederick has rented the Sage cottage near the Auditorium to enable her to have more sleeping rooms.

The Smith cottage on Melrose Park has been greatly improved. Mr. J. E. Witheral purchased it from Mrs. Smith and has had it thoroughly overhauled, added greatly to the furniture, painted throughout, graded up the yard, laid a new stone sidewalk in front, making it one of the finest cottages on Melrose Park.

Among those who have returned for the summer are: Miss Harriett Danforth, Miss Olmstead, Mrs. Grenamyer, Maria Ramsdell, Mrs. Woods, (of Titusville, who has purchased the Jackson cottage on Second Avenue) Mary Webb Baker, Sidney Kelsey, Mrs. Hannah Sigler, Dr. Pierce, (an oculist who is occupying the Ramsdell, cottage on Marion Street.

Arthur Gaston and Mr. Worden are looking after the destinies of the Grand Hotel. Carrie Zeigler is spending a short time on the grounds. Mrs. Morse is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Lythe. L. C. Harris has taken his old position as yard man at the Grand. Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy have returned to the grounds to stay. Mrs. Wright and Bigden have returned from Ithica; Mr. and Mrs. Bigden expect to return home in a few days. Mrs. Brookings is occupying her cottage and may remain for Camp.

A complete stock of summer goods has been bought for the Pagoda and it will open July 1, paper, envelopes, pens, pencils, ink, and a stock of literature will supply the campers with all that is required in this line, while cigars, candies, summer drinks and the most delicious grape juice will cater to those who desire such refreshments. It will be the headquarters for THE SUNFLOWER and all are requested to leave their subscriptions there and get their premium books.

Meetings will be held at Library Hall every Sunday before Camp and good talent will be in attendence. Lyman C. Howe is the speaker for June 16.

Salem E. Parker's singing school closed Friday night with a concert at Library Hall which packed the house. There were upwards of 30 persons in the class, and their chorus work was the highest recommendation that could be given.

PROGRAM OF THE CASSADAGA CAMPMEETING, FOR 1901.

Platform Test Medium, Miss Magaret Gaule.

JULY.

Fri. 12—Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing.
Sat. 13—Mr. Lyman C. Howe.
Sun. 14—Mattie E. Hull, Lyman C. Howe.
Mon. 15—Conference.
Tues. 16—Moses Hull.
Wed. 17—Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing.
Thur. 18—Lyman C. Howe.
Fri. 19—Moses Hull.
Sat. 20—J. Clegg Wright.
Sun. 21—Moses Hull.
Mon. 22—Conference.
Tues. 23—J. Clegg Wright.
Wed. 24—Prof. William Lockwood.
Thur. 25—
Fri. 26—Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.
Sat. 27—J. Clegg Wright.
Sun. 28—Thomas Grimshaw, Cora L. V. Richmond.
Mon. 29—Conference.
Tues. 30—Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.

AUGUST.

Wed. 31—Labor Day, Hon. John J. Lentz.
Thur. 1—Thomas Grimshaw.
Fri. 2—William M. Lockwood.
Sat. 3—Miss Lizzie Harlow.
Sun. 4—Lizzie Harlow, J. Clegg Wright.
Mon. 5—Conference.
Tues. 6—Miss Lizzie Harlow.
Wed. 7—Canadian Day, Dr. Montague.
Thur. 8—Mrs. Clara Watson.
Fri. 9—Mr. J. Clegg Wright.
Sat. 10—Hon A. B. Richmond.
Sun. 11—Prof. William Lockwood.
Mon. 12—Conference.
Tues. 13—Rev. B. F. Austin.
Wed. 14—J. Clegg Wright.
Thur. 15—G. A. R. Day.
Fri. 16—Rev. B. F. Austin.
Sat. 17—William M. Lockwood.
Sun. 18—B. F. Austin.
Mon. 19—Conference.
Tues. 20—Rev. F. E. Mason.
Wed. 21—Woman's Day, Miss Gail Laughlin.
Thur. 22—Rev. F. E. Mason.
Fri. 23—Prof. William Lockwood.
Sat. 24—Hon. A. B. Richmond.
Sun. 25—F. E. Mason, Miss Gail Laughlin.

George H. Brooks, Chairman.

MEDIUMS WHO WILL BE AT CASSADAGA CAMP THIS SEASON.

Mediums who will attend Cassadaga Camp this season and desire their names to appear in our list should send name and phase to this office.

Tests.

F. Corden White.
Mrs. M. A. Enches.
Margaret Gaule.
Mrs. Maria Carpender.
M. S. Seymour.
Mrs. Maggie Turner.
Mrs. W. H. David.
Harriet H. Danforth.

Slate Writing.

P. L. O. A. Keeler.
Winans and Normann.
H. Pettibone.

Materialization.

Winans and Normann.
D. B. Jimerson.
Mrs. Bliss.

Physical Phenomena.

D. B. Jimerson.
H. Pettibone.

Spirit Photography.

W. M. Keeler.

Healers.

Elsie R. Parkess.

Written Messages.

D. B. Jimerson.
F. Corden White.
Mrs. E. H. Thompson.

Palmists.

Harriet H. Danforth.

Trumpet Medium.

Mrs. J. de Bartholomew.
Mr. Hart.
A. M. G. Wheeler.

Astrologers.

N. H. Eddy.
E. Marie Prettyman.

Spirit Portraits.

Bangs Sisters.

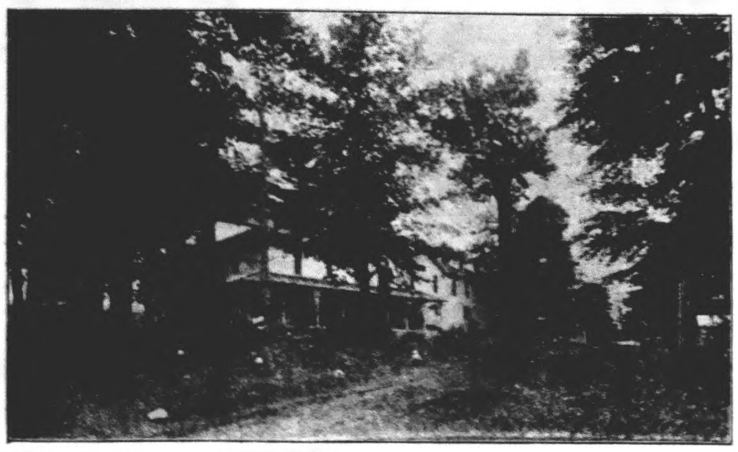


PROF. W. M. LOCKWOOD, who will hold a series of classes here this summer.



HATFIELD PETTIBONE.

Hotels Located on and Near the Cassadaga Camp.



THE LEOLYN HOUSE.

HOTEL accommodations is one of the first questions concerning any resort.

In this respect, the Cassadaga Camp Grounds is especially fortunate. There are two hotels upon the grounds and five in the immediate vicinity.

THE GRAND HOTEL

is within two minutes walk of the Auditorium, Library Hall, and Octagon, where the principal meetings are held.

The band stand is but a short distance from the Grand where open air concerts are given twice a day. Many pleasant receptions and other popular gatherings are held in the parlor, which is neatly furnished, and pleasantly situated looking out on to the lake.

The speakers employed for the rostrum are entertained at the Grand and the people congregate on the veranda and in the parlor and office to visit with them and discuss the doings of the camp.

It faces the Upper Lake, has about eighty rooms, wide veranda around two sides of it, and a beautiful park between the hotel and lake. It will be in the charge of L. M. Worden and a corps of able assistants. Open June 7 for the season, and special low



THE TODD HOUSE

rates will be made until July 12, after which the regular summer schedule will go into effect.

THE SOUTH PARK HOUSE

is also within [illegible] minutes walk of the places of meeting. It has about twenty-five rooms [illegible] another of the little parks that combine to make the grounds beautiful. The veranda on two sides also gives this hotel a pleasant place for guests to sit during the long summer evenings.

The building is about to change hands but it will probably continue under the management of Mrs. N. A. Dedrick.

Passing out of the gate

THE LEOLYN HOUSE

is directly in [illegible] of twenty-three [illegible] west and south [illegible] make it a very pleasant [illegible] while the park [illegible]

The interior [illegible] paper, furniture [illegible] to make it one of the [illegible]

Among the attractions [illegible] portiers made by [illegible] though blind and [illegible] needle work and [illegible] powers.

The Leolyn has [illegible] sixty guest rooms besides amply accommodations for the guests in other ways. It is less than three minutes walk from the [illegible] the grounds being across the street [illegible]

A [illegible] has been added to the attractions of the Leolyn [illegible] instrument and is well supplied [illegible]

A. C. White, Manager.



SHADY SIDE

THE IROQUOIS HOTEL

is located directly across the street from the R. R. Station. It has twenty rooms, a fine banquet hall and will make a specialty of serving meals and short orders.

While everything will be of the best, prices have been made very low, good meals being served for twenty-five cents.

J. C. Scheu, Proprietor.

THE FERN ISLAND HOUSE

is located about three blocks from the entrance. It is especially desirable for those who want a place away from the activity of the Camp and where nature in its more primitive state can be found.

Mr. D. T. Harris is the proprietor and takes great pleasure in giving his guests all the comforts of a country home life.

SHADY SIDE SUMMER HOME

is beautifully situated on the west bank of the Middle Lake, opposite the Leolyn. It is



SOUTH PARK HOUSE.

built on the plan of the Old Southern Homes, has massive pillars and wide verandas, facing the lake. It is presided over by Mrs. Densmore, who does all that is possible to make guests feel that they have reached a home and not a hotel. The wide lawn and bountiful shade make a combination that is ideal and many guests make it their summer home.

THE TODD HOUSE

is well known to all visitors to Lily Dale as "The Lily Dale Sanitarium." It has not been used as a Sanitarium recently, but its proprietor, Mr. Caleb Todd, has a number of visitors each summer who enjoy having a country home with all its attendant comforts.

In fact, taking Lily Dale all in all, its facilities for accommodating visitors and giving them a choice of all prices, cannot be surpassed in this country.

RESTAURANTS.

Several restaurants and boarding houses where a few guests are accommodated, are quite numerous and visitors to Camp will have no difficulty in securing accommodations in accordance with their desires and pocketbooks.

The fact that we are situated in the midst of a prosperous farming community where fresh fruit, berries and vegetables will be [illegible] direct from the gardens [illegible]



IROQUOIS HOTEL

[illegible] the best [illegible] they [illegible]

But [illegible] the [illegible] connected with [illegible] railway [illegible] reaching Cleveland in [illegible] and Buffalo in less than two [illegible] makes it an ideal spot for a summer outing.

This is Pan-American year and an unusually large crowd is expected [illegible] will do well to secure rooms in advance. Write at once to the managers for terms.

Carriages meet all trains from the Grand and Leolyn. All are within walking distance of the station.

Come to Lily Dale, enjoy its balmy air, sit on the shores of the lake, listen to its inspired lectures, see and hear its phenomena, and you will be more than repaid.

See hotel, cottage, boardinghouse, rooms and other ads about Camp on this and other pages.



THE FERN ISLAND HOUSE

A FEW PERSONAL EXPERIENCES IN SPIRITUALISM.

JOHN F. MORGAN.

TRAVEL IN MY DREAMS.

I have a lady friend whom I used to visit every night in my dreams, and we would converse and enjoy ourselves quite as fully and as naturally as if in the physical. It was over a year after these visits that I met the lady personally. I was conscious during these midnight visits and would speak upon subjects and solve problems in philosophy far beyond my waking intelligence. I could enumerate many incidents where I would

PROJECT MY ASTRAL BODY.

At such times I would be walking along the street or be intently engaged in business affairs.

W. J. COLVILLE STIMULATES ME.

It was during one winter when "my stars" were not in the ascendancy and when it seemed as if I could not accomplish anything satisfactory in a business way, that I attended W. J. Colville's private classes and lectures and received much strength and encouragement from his strong words and positive affirmations.

PROLONGED PROF. FARMER'S LIFE.

When the father of Sarah A. Farmer, of Green Acre fame, was at death's door I sustained his life for twenty-four hours by drinking "milk punches" and holding his hands, while allowing him to absorb my vitality.

Each year there is a summer school held at Green Acre, where all the advanced thinkers, speakers, writers, workers and students on the "broad" lines of thought gather for the rest and recreation that comes through harmonious surroundings and the exchange of new ideas.

TALKED TO SPIRITS IN PRISON.

One winter I was frequently awakened in the night and spoke in an unknown tongue for half an hour or more. It seemed as though I was in the middle of a circular room. Spirits were all around, and the crowd extended for miles in the air.

SPIRITS COOKED AND MAGNETIZED THROUGH ME MY FOOD.

For six months I was compelled to live alone in a room and cook my food, the spirits wishing to magnetize through me. I prepared some of the most peculiar dishes imaginable.

MATERIALIZED OUT OF ANOTHER'S BODY.

Upon one occasion a lady when suddenly awakened from sleep and saw my body assume shape apparently issuing from her form and again vanish. At another time I awoke the party, gave her a magnetic treatment and spoke with her, making myself quite as tangible as if I had been there in the physical.

DUAL PERSONALITY.

I often realize that I am another person and many times my friends have told me of acts done and deeds performed that I did not remember.

TRANSFIGURATION.

My face is transfigured — in a word I change the entire expression of my face and every atom seems to become disorganized in the absence of the animating entity, the spirit or soul, and in its place another personality appears. having a different facial expression.

INSANE SUICIDE

attempted to take possession of my body and kill me. I was one night, where a materializing seance was in progress, when a spirit tried to "make up." The brother of this "spirit" was among the number present whose history was — He was being brought by his brother from Denver, where he had been confined in an insane asylum, to his home in Chicago. On the way he threw himself from the moving train and was killed.

HUMAN AURA.

An emanation, invisible under ordinary conditions, enveloping the human form, varying in density and color. It is frequently seen and described by psychics.

A small pamphlet is published on the subject by Marques which can be had of the Theosophical Book Concern for Twenty-five cents and is very interesting.

ASTRAL FLIGHTS

I have had a great many wonderful experiences with many persons, I acting as a battery they using my magnetism to hold them; like a string to a kite, my power of thought corresponding to the boy flying the kite. I could control and direct them to go and see what and wherever I willed, whether it was into the bowels of the earth, the bottom of the ocean, or the clouds above. I seemed to overcome all obstructions of distance, space and time.

SUN ORDER OF ANGELS.

Soul mates in earth life and spirit spheres and many incarnations in earth life and on other worlds. This band of about fifty is mostly composed of ladies. I think there was only one other gentleman besides myself a member. We met once a month. The ladies wore pure white robes. The order was originally formed near Oswego, N. Y., in 1886.

The book "Spirit Eona's Message to the Wide, World" will explain it.

THE SPIRITUALISTS FRATERNAL SOCIETY,

of which Phila Kennedy is now the president.

I secured a charter for the above named society, the basis of which was Balzac's "Brotherhood of Consolation."

I attended the materializing circles regularly once a week and mystic circles monthly, for over a year. I went to many private houses with the medium, to birthday and surprise parties, when he would hold circles and get the best results. But the most satisfactory to me was once after supper when he, his wife and myself went upstairs, he went into the cabinet; his wife and I formed the audience. I saw many spirit forms in brighter light and they manifested more strength and power than ever before. At another time two ladies and myself had a private circle in the afternoon when I received in five minutes a life size oil paintings of one of my guides. I have seen flowers materialized from the air. I have seen flowers transposed — pinks changed into tulips. I have seen flowers come from Mexico and raised out of the carpet in the parlor. The lady said the flowers only grew in certain parts of Mexico. It was in a room with the gas burning full height, with over thirty persons present. I have seen a blank card board placed upon an easel, while the gas was burning brilliantly, with paint and brush near the easel. Soon, without anyone touching it, a shadow would appear upon the card board. In a short time I saw a picture of my Indian guide arrayed in comin skins with red front, brown skin, black hair and white feather on his head, with the paint still wet where it was placed and there were over forty intelligent ladies and gentlemen present, including prominent physicians, dentists, lawyers, real estate dealers and representative people. I have thirteen different pictures obtained through this medium. Some I saw the spirit standing for the picture, while the spirit artist who was doing the work was sitting down in one corner, nearest the cabinet door, while the medium was in the other corner, farthest from the cabinet door — he used the dining room as the cabinet. He was usually placed in a black sack which was tied up and sewed. I have seen him outside of the cabinet and the cabinet full of spirits. I have seen him outside of the cabinet and three spirits come to the curtain and talk to relatives and friends who recognized them.

PRECIPITATED PICTURES.

I have had celluloid placed upon my lap, after examining it carefully to see there was nothing on it, and when the circle was over there would be a picture of a person on it and I have often heard people say that they recognized relatives and friends obtained in the same way. On one occasion I took red and white carnations to give to my guide, when instantly I was given back a most beautiful flower resembling a tulip of a peculiar red color and fragrant — tulips usually have no odor. The guide claimed she was from the Planet Mars and brought the tulips from there for me.

I took mine home and it seemed like any other tulip. One lady said the odor of hers permeated the house for three weeks; the other lady preserved hers in alcohol.

DEATH OF MOTHER.

One summer afternoon I was seated in Lincoln Park when I looked up and saw my mother. At that time she was in Washington, D. C. When I reached the office the next morning I found a telegram advising me of her passing out. I immediately wired: "One more angel in heaven, sorry I can not attend funeral." I then wrote my relatives that I did not care to travel eight hundred miles to see my mother's body any more than I cared to see the last she had worn, since I had her spirit with me.

MOTHER GOES TO CATHOLIC CHURCH.

They sent me an emerald ring which my mother had worn, which was full of her magnetism. This ring I wore as a magnet to attract my mother to me, but to test its power I put it on a lady's finger, who was very mediumistic. This lady lived in a suburban town, where there was a small Catholic Church and while the lady had never in her life been in a Catholic Church before she could not resist the controlling power of my mother, to go into the church and pray — my mother was a very devoted Catholic and went to mass every day — I myself for over a year could not resist the impression to go into the Catholic Churches and pray from five to thirty minutes, whenever I was near a Catholic Church. Another evidence of the presence of the spirit of my mother that the aforesaid lady had was (one of the characteristics of my mother was her extravagance) she one day in ordering from the groceryman orderd for eight when she only intended to order for two, all she had in her family. So when she came to herself she had to go to the groceryman and change the order.

GEORGE PULLMAN'S CONCRETE TOMB.

It is necessary for me to describe how George Pullman's body was encased in railroad iron and then filled in with Portland cement, to prevent ghouls from stealing his body. The next day after his body was so entombed Carlos S. Hardy and myself were compelled to visit Graceland Cemetery and were led to the newly made grave of George Pullman, whose spirit we liberated.

I saved a life from worry upon one occasion. Mrs. Morgan and I had a misunderstanding, which we tried to settle by correspondence, and, instead of coming to a point of agreement, we were drifting farther apart, until she worried herself sick, near unto death. Her doctor telegraphed for me to come to Peoria. I responded to the summons immediately, arriving at 8 p. m. I found her breast as hard as a rock. The disturbed thought conditions manifesting at the point of least resistance, had centered there. I placed one hand upon her breast, the other at the base of the brain, and held them so for hours. The next morning she was as well as ever.

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The Sunflower.

Among the institutions of Cassadaga Camp, THE SUNFLOWER is entitled to more than mere passing mention.

For years it had been the desire of the residents and many of the patrons of the Camp, to have a paper established that would be printed on the grounds, and would devote quite a little space to the interests of the Camp.

During the winter of 1897-8 the publishers talked the matter up, and when Camp convened in the summer of 1898, it was publicly announced. Subscriptions came in, and when the middle of August arrived, there was a guaranteed patronage that assured its success. It was not intended to issue a number until September, but Mr. J. L. Kayner, husband of Mrs. Isa Wilson Kayner, who was at the Camp, and was a practical printer, came to us and volunteered his services to aid in getting a paper out during the Camp.

Accordingly we went to Buffalo, bought our outfit of type and press to do the work, and on August 15th, 1898, the type, stone, sticks, in fact all that was necessary to do the work, excepting the press, arrived.

Then all was hustle. The type had to be laid in the cases, stone mounted, everything arranged to do the work and the copy for the first issue to be prepared. To accomplish this, Mr. Kayner and the editor worked day and night from Monday, August 15th, to Saturday, August 20th. The press was unloaded at 9 p. m. Thursday, August 19, and at 1 a. m. it was set up and ready for the finishing touches. At 6 a. m. we were at work again, and soon the press was fully mounted, the ink turned into the fountain and a form which had been waiting was started. At 4 p. m., Saturday, August 20, 1898, the first complete copy of THE SUNFLOWER issued from the press, and for the next two hours the office was thronged with visitors who came, saw the arrangements of the office and carried away a copy of the paper and a sunflower button as a memento of the visit.

The first issue of THE SUNFLOWER was printed on a sheet of paper 12½ by 19 inches, and was divided into four pages, each page 9½ by 12½ inches. In September the paper was increased to 8 pages to accommodate the advertising patronage that already came to it, and also the increased amount of reading matter that crowded into the office. October 15 it contained, in addition to these eight pages, a 4-page supplement, and in November it was made a regular 12-page paper. In May, 1899 it was again enlarged to a 16-page paper. September 15th, 1899 it was changed from a monthly to a twice-a-month issue.

In January, 1900 we met with our first serious accident in the office. This accident broke the press upon which the paper was printed and necessitated the loss of one issue of the paper. We immediately arranged for another and larger press which was installed in time to issue the February 1 paper.

The change from a smaller to a larger press made it possible to change the form, and it was printed on sheets 25 by 38 inches, thus making it an 8-page paper, each page being 12½ by 19 inches. This change in the form from a 16 to an 8-page paper gave us nearly one-third more space than using the same size in a 16-page form.

While this form was an improvement on the old style, a still further enlargement was contemplated and provided for in buying the machinery, and on December 15, 1900, the paper was given a new heading and assumed its present form and size which we expect it will maintain unless greatly increased patronage shall make it necessary to increase its size.



Binding Pamphlets in The Sunflower Office.



A Corner in The Sunflower Office.

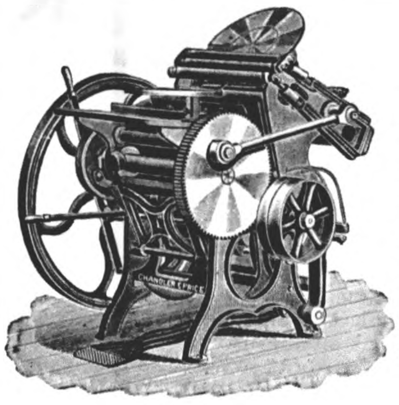
THE OFFICE EQUIPMENT.

THE SUNFLOWER office is equipped for any class of book, job or commercial printing, as well as for newspaper work.

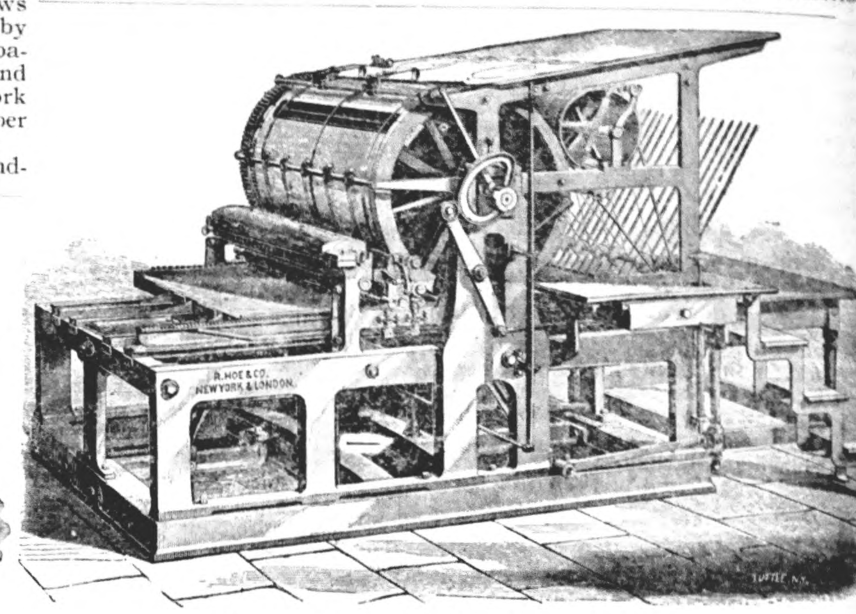
It is run by a Pierce gasoline engine which has sufficient capacity to run all of the machinery of the office with ease.

The cylinder press, for book and newspaper work is a 6½ Hoe, news and job press, with a bed 33½ by 49 inches, permitting a sheet of paper 32 by 48 inches to be run, and is capable of turning out good work at a speed of 1,200 impressions per hour.

The job work is done on a Chandler & Price Gordon, 10 by 15, run by power, and is capable of running all classes of work at the rate of from 1,500 to 2,400 impressions an hour.



Job Press.



Press on Which The Sunflower is Printed.

All of the machinery stands upon concrete beds, thus insuring its stability and ensuring the best class of work.

Passing up stairs, the composing room will be found. It is supplied with all that is necessary for the line of work done in the office. Hundreds of pounds of type of five different sizes, for reading matter, about sixty different kinds and sizes of job faces for advertising and commercial printing, stones, sticks, brass galleys, proof press, lead cutter, and the numerous little necessities and conveniences of an office are in profusion.

Here also is a stereotyping outfit which enables us to stereotype standing matter, such as advertisements, blank forms, book plates, etc. The outfit will make a plate 12 by 20 inches perfectly, so that many of our stereotype plates cannot be told from type printing.

Passing into the machine room we find a circular saw and trimmer for finishing book plates, a "type high" machine that trims all classe of cuts to the proper heighth, a device for beveling the edges of book plates to make them servicable in the "patent blocks," now so generally used in book work.

In other rooms of the building can be found all that goes to make up a stock of paper, cards, all classess of stationery, in fact, few city offices have a more complete arrangement than is found in THE SUNFLOWER office.

OUR CONTRIBUTORS.

It would be unfair to close this account without mentioning those who have aided in making THE SUNFLOWER readable. Among them can be found the names of many of the most prominent writers on these topics. England furnishes Mr. Alfred Kitson, secretary of the British Lyceum Union, Australia, Mr. H. Junor Browne, and all sections of our own country has given its quota of thought and inspiration to help to make the columns interesting. To all of these contributors we return thanks and trust that they will continue to remember THE SUNFLOWER in the future as in the past.



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In closing, we extend our thanks to our patrons of every class. All have helped to make the paper a success and in the future, as in the past, we trust it may be made so interesting and profitable that all will wish to continue with it

LIGHT FROM EVERYWHERE.

NORTH EAST
SOUTH WEST

This department is conducted to assist our public workers to keep in touch with each other and with the people. Send us notice of your engagements or any other items of interest. Secretaries of societies are requested to send short reports of their work.

Full name and address must accompany every article intended for publication.

CORRESPONDENTS will please remember that THE SUNFLOWER goes to press and is mailed the day it is dated. In order to ensure insertion communications should reach us two days in advance and if of any length, earlier than that.

The National Editorial Association has passed a resolution endorsing the plan of stopping the use of premiums by papers and magazines. As this action is favored by the Third Assistant Postmastant General, who controls such matters, the order is likely to come any day that will stop all premium offers.

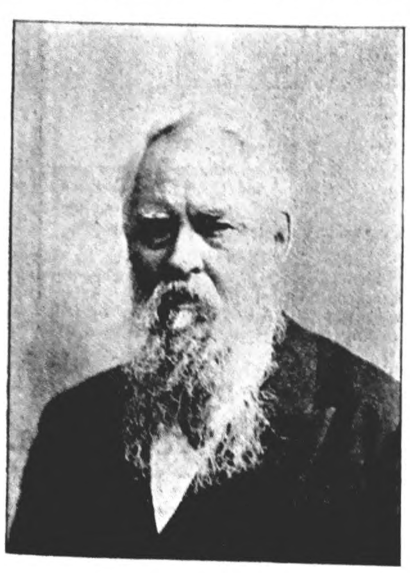
If you want to secure our premium books, send your orders at once. If you are coming to camp, send your order now and we will hold the premiums for you and you can pay for them when you come.

The First Spiritual Church of Buffalo will hold two sessions every Sunday during the months of July and August, especially intended for the benefit of the Pan-American visitors this summer. A variety of speakers will occupy the platform during this time. Speakers who wish to make application for one or more Sundays may write to L. C. Beesing, secretary, 58 Carroll Street, Buffalo, N. Y., stating terms, etc.



MARION SKIDMORE.

A correspondent writes from Hornellsville, N. Y. "We are enjoying to the utmost the meetings conducted by Mrs. E. H. Messersmith, who has come to us again and is awakening the Spiritualists from their lethergy and arousing the interest of the thinking class of people. Spiritualism was at a very low ebb here and needed the stirring up which it is receiving from Mrs. Messersmith and her guides. The test work is



T. J. SKIDMORE.

generally well accepted and pleases the public who are always looking for the phenomena and not the philosophy of our beautiful truth. Last Sunday evening the beautiful lesson, "Know Thyself," was conveyed to us in a very forcible manner and showed to us the possibilities which lay within every man or woman."

Mrs. Sackett writes from Springfield, Mass.: "Reading the ad. in your paper of Dr. Wm. M. Keeler, spirit photographer, I thought I would send and see what I could get for myself. I am somewhat interested in a camera and what it can do, so I prepared six 2½ x 2½ prints of home scenes and after pasting them on a square piece of cardboard sent it to his address for what it might bring to me. I got fine work. At his request I sent other prints and, I can say I am pleased, for I have the loved faces of a daughter and many other friends in our family as well as acquaintances. One, that of an old lady, who before she passed out, would hardly tolerate any person in her home who mentioned that they were a Spiritualist. This face is so plain it is recognized by many skeptics, and when asked what they have to say it sets them thinking if nothing more."



MAGGIE WAITE.

Secretary writes from Dayton, O.: "Spiritualism in this city had become a dead letter as we have not held meetings for the last two years. The friends had lost interest in the cause until Dr. and Mrs. Noyes came to Dayton and held their first meeting in G. A. R. hall, March 24, with an audience of only 14 people, but with a determined spirit and by help of friends passed on they continued and at each meeting the audience increased until the hall was full and the Spiritualists wished to organize in some way so as not to be broken up again.

Dr. and Mrs. Noyes leased Lincoln Hall, 116 E. 3rd St., second floor, for three years, and the Spiritualist friends donated funds to furnish the hall. Piano, chairs, table, etc,, and the hall was beautifully decorated with the national colors and fleral offerings. It was dedicated on Sunday June 2nd as the First Spiritual Church. There was a large audience present and thirty-six church members.

With Mrs. Noyes we organized a Ladies' Aid, auxiliary to the Church, with 21 members. The Spiritualists are donating literature for a library and free reading rooms open every afternoon from July 1st. Visitors are cordially invited. Reading matter for the library will be thankfully received.

There will be a regular church service through the summer season for those unable to attend Camps. Services Sunday and Thursday at 730 p. m.; Ladies' Aid every Friday 2:30 p. m. Send all letters and donations to First Spiritual Church, Lincoln Hall, 116 E. 3rd St., Dayton, O. Mrs. H. E. Thrush, Secretray of Ladies' Aid Society."

THOUGHTS.

N. H. EDDY.

Music makes the burdens and care
Lighter in life's pathway to bear;
Music charms and inspires the soul,
Lifting some to a higher goal.

Flowers waft fragrance everywhere,
Sifting their perfume rich and rare;
And for beauty each doth incline
To twine the soul with love divine.

Flowers with each varying hue
Show God's handiwork through and through.
And each mortal, like a flower,
Has its influence of power.

And in life must expression find,
Music, flowers or mortal kind;
Hence may they with harmony blend,
And to soul-inspiration send
Life, light and truth.



F. CORDEN WHITE.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

Among the institutions that the residents of Lily Dale and the Spiritualists of the United States and the world for that matter, can point to with pride, is the Spiritualist's Training School which was organized by Moses Hull, and which is now holding its fifth annual session.

Realizing the lack of any educational institution that took our people and prepared them for work on the platform and fully realizing the necessity for such an institution, this school was started to fill the demand, with the idea that it would not and probably could not pay its own expenses.

But with that ardor that has characterized the institution, it was taken up, the classes were arranged and each session a few students come from different sections of the country to learn what it has to teach.

Its course consists of rhetoric, logic, oratory, Bible, platfrom training etc., and it is calculated that by following up the study, quite an idea of public work can be obtained as well as the ability to learn the proper use of the English language.

Spiritualists have been unfortunate on this point. Half the beauty of a lecture is lost if it is couched in ungrammatical terms and filled with out-of-place gestures. While some have said that the spirit world will do it all, the majority and especially the investigators are prone to quote Israel Putman. When crossing a river with a friend he held his gun and powder pouch above his head. They had been discussing theological points and he remarked that while he "believed in putting your trust in God, at the same time he thought it best to keep his powder dry." So with us, while it is all right to put a certain amount of trust in the spirit world, it is well to have

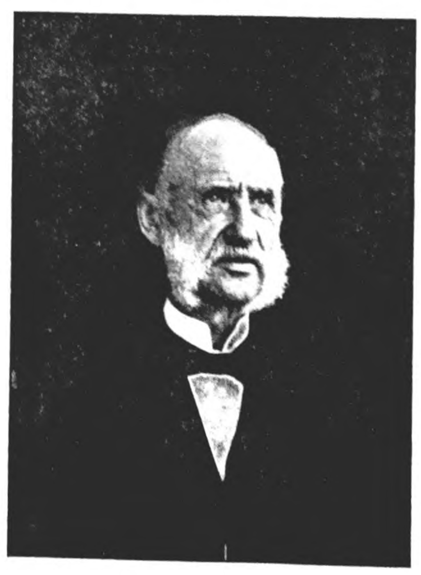


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sufficient education to enable one to speak the English language with ordinary accuracy.

Of the school and its work Moses Hull has the following to say:

"The fifth annual session of the Spiritualist's Training School is now in the middle of its term. Taking it all in all it is the best term we ever had. If our students progress during the later half of this term anything like in proportion to the progress made thus far, we, the



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teachers, will be proud of our work. In former sessions the students made quite as much in the last three weeks as in the first five weeks. We confidently expect a corresponding growth this year.

"We have so far, made no calls for help this year. Last year we had donations so that our school paid all its expenses except the teachers, and they each had fifteen dollars for their eight weeks teaching and other work they did during the year.

"We have two or three students this year who are with us the second year. They had become sufficiently acquainted with our method so that they made rapid strides this year.

"Bro. Weaver, Mrs. Hull and myself are growing old together — we are each nearing our three score years and ten. We feel that we have served our day and generation about long enough to seek a release from continuous, arduous and uncompensated labor; but we are as fully determined to keep the school going another year as we have been in the past. We live in the constant hope that by and by Spiritualists will, like the prodigal son, "come to themselves," when they have they will become wise and unselfish enough to "put their shoulder to the wheel" and help us enough, at least, so that we can, in the near future, work for the young without being compelled to put our hands into our pockets and take out the bottom dollar to make up the deficit in the expenses.

"We also hope that capable younger men and women will sooner or later step in and take our work and prepare themselves to carry it on in generations to come.

"Please do not infer from this that we are sick of our task; far from it, there is nothing we desire more than to spend our time and strength in giving to those who are to follow us, the right kind of a start in their work.

"We have this year added to our school a Musical Institute, which meets evenings; the result is, those who "had no voice," and "never could sing," are making new discoveries concerning themselves. Mr. Salem Parker, and his sister, Mrs. Capitola Parker-Bowen, the teachers in this department, are the best teachers of vocal music I ever saw.

"When our school gets the means it will try to permanently attach these teachers *as adjuncts.*"

N. Y. S. A. ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Report by the Secretary,

The Fifth Annual Convention of the New York State Association of Spiritualists was held in the First Spiritual Church of Buffalo on May 24, 25 and 26 and was a great success. The weather was not all that could be desired but the rain and cold seemed to have no effect on the Spiritualists who gathered in the Queen City of Western New York to attend the Convention. There was present such an array of talent in all lines of platform work that it was utterly impossible to use it all in the limited three days time.

Our hearty thanks are due to the Buffalo society for their generous donation of their Temple and the most excellent music furnished as well as for the many courtesies extended.

Brotherly love and loving kindness reigned supreme making it a convention long to be remembered with greatest of pleasure by all who participated in its proceedings.

The recent attempt in our State to pass unjust and restrictive laws has been the means of arousing many Spiritualists to the need of sustaining cooperative effort and many are joining our association.

The list of speakers and mediums who took part is a large one and many others whom we should have been glad to hear from were prevented by lack of time.

Those who took part were: Harrison D. Barrett, Boston, Mass.; Rev. Moses Hull, Buffalo, N. Y.; Lyman C. Howe, Fredonia, N. Y.; Prof. Wm. M. Lockwood; Carrie E. S. Twing, Westfield, N. Y.; Tillie U. Reynolds, Troy, N. Y.; Lizzie Brewer, Syracuse, N. Y.; Marguerite Barrett, Boston, Mass.; Dr. E. F. Butterfield, Syracuse, N. Y.; Dr. G. C. Beckwith-Ewell, Syracuse, N. Y.; W. V. Nieum, Buffalo; H. W. Richardson, East Aurora; W. Wines Sargent, Brooklyn; E. S. Bond, Willoughby, O.; Mattie E. Hull, Buffalo; Miss Margaret Gaule, Baltimore; Dr. C. H. Figuers, Cleveland, O.; F. Corden White, Lily Dale, Mary VonKanzler, Syracuse, Mr. Wilson, Toronto, Can.; Rev. John A. Sayles, East Aurora and Herbert L. Whitney, Brooklyn.

The singers who entertained us in such a delightful manner were wildly encored each time were: Salem E. Parker and Mrs. Capitola Parker-Bowen, of Versailes, N. Y. and Mrs. Fredericks, of Buffalo.

The elecutionary readings were given by Mrs. Alfarata Jahnke, Moses Hull's talented daughter, who won all hearts by her graceful and perfectly natural manner; Salem E. Parker, Harrison D. Barrett, and Mr. Swobe.

The officers elected were: President, Rev. Moses Hull; Vice-President, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing; Second Vice; Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds; Treasurer, H. W. Richardson. Trustees: Mrs. S. Comstock-Ellis, Auburn; E. G. Reilly, Syracuse; Mrs. Laura A Holt, West Potsdam; Miss Marie J. FitzMaurice, N. Y. City.

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